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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA REQUEST TO CONVENE MFM ON NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 227730 (NOTAL); STATE 227780 (NOTAL)

1. IN REFTELS WE REQUESTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT YOU APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN HOW THEY WOULD VOTE ON PROPOSAL FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA IF IT CAME TO A VOTE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, WE HAVE SET DOWN BELOW USOAS HEADCOUNT BASED ON SOUNDINGS WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES. THIS COUNT INDICATES THAT ELEVEN COUNTRIES WILL PROBABLY VOTE FOR CONVENING MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS (MFM), TWO AGAINST, NINE ABSTENTIONS AND THREE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. THIRTEEN AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ARE NEEDED TO CONVENE THE MFM.

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2. ACCORDING TO OUR COUNT, THE ELEVEN IN FAVOR INCLUDE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, COLOMBIA, JAMAICA, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, SURINAME, VENEZUELA, PANAMA, COSTA RICA, MEXICO AND US. THE TWO AGAINST ARE NICARAGUA AND PARAGUAY. THE NINE ABSTENTIONS INCLUDE HAITI, GRENADA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, URUGUAY, CHILE, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA.

THREE INDICATE THEY ARE WAITING INSTRUCTIONS: BARBADOS,

BOLIVIA AND PERU, THOUGH LA PAZ 7310 INDICATES THAT
BOLIVIA IS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR CONVOCATION.

3. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY DISCREPANCIES
THAT MIGHT SHOW UP BETWEEN USOAS ASSESSMENT AND POSITIONS
INDICATED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS DURING YOUR CONSULTATIONS
WITH THEM. CHRISTOPHER

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